

in 1904, a patron in 1925, and in 1944 was elected an honorary member, which is the highest recognition the Academy confers. In his passing, members of the Academy's staff have lost a distinguished colleague and a warm-hearted friend.



APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting on July 17, 1946, approved the applications of Mr. John J. du Bois, Major Chapman Grant and Mrs. Milton S. Ray for MEMBERSHIP, and of Mr. David Barker, Mr. Roger B. Barnes, Mr. Richard Barrett, Mr. James Brand, Mr. Carlos Carvajal, Mr. John De Maria, Mr. Conrad Diethelm, Miss Antonia Dolenz, Mr. Wallace Erskine, Mr. Robert Franchi, Mr. Burton S. Froom, Jr., Mr. Robert E. Hanly, Mr. Kenneth R. Haslam, Mr. Ward L. Holmes, Mr. Robert Hubby, Mr. Raymond B. Hutchings, Mr. Robert Krull, Mr. Larry Linn, Mr. Ernest Malamud, Mr. Robert Mills, Mr. Michael J. Milten, Mr. Walter J. Nieder, Mr. Richard Pearce, Mr. Charles Perley, Mr. Bruce D. Purrington, Mr. Samuel F. Radelfinger, Mr. Clayton Richards, Mr. David Roloff, Mr. Richard Simms, Mr. Raymond Sullivan, Mr. James W. Walsh, and Mr. Kenneth Warren for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of these applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after August 15, they will be considered elected.



RECENT VISITORS

RECENT VISITORS to the Academy include Dr. Charles F. Adams, well-known dipterologist of the Missouri State Board of Health; Dr. Charles F. Alexander, Professor and Head of the Department of Entomology and Zoölogy, Massachusetts State College, Amherst; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bryant of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, returning from a collecting trip to Alaska; Dr. James W. Chapman of Silliman University, Island of Negros, Philippine Islands; Dr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr., of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Harvard University; Dr. Hamed Abdel Fattah Gohar, Director of the Marine Biological Station at Chardaga, Egypt; Mr. Floyd G. Werner of the Chicago Museum of Natural History; and Dr. E. C. Zimmerman, Curator of Insects for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association.

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August Announcement

THE REGULAR AUGUST MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in Room 214, Simson African Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, August 21, 1946, at 3:00 o'clock. The speaker will be Dr. J. LINSLEY GRESSITT, Instructor in Entomology in Lingnan University, Canton, China, to which institution he will return in the immediate future to take charge of the Natural History Museum. Dr. Gressitt will take as his subject:

THE REHABILITATION OF SCIENCE IN THE ORIENT

Dr. Gressitt was in China at the outbreak of the Japanese war and spent the time from then until the autumn of 1943 as a civilian internee at Canton. Repatriated on the last exchange trip of the *Gipsholm*, he spent a year in recuperation and study, and then returned to the Orient, this time with the rank of Lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Navy and the position of entomologist with Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2. Later, he was appointed to the staff of the Commander of the Fifth Fleet. Both before and after the cessation of hostilities Dr. Gressitt traveled widely in the Philippines and China and subsequently also in Japan. Owing to his familiarity with scientific institutions in the Orient, gained through long residence in that part of the world, he was able to evaluate accurately the havoc wrought to their physical plants and personnel. The lecture will be illustrated with kodachromes taken by Dr. Gressitt.

The public is cordially invited.

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DR. FRANK E. BLAISDELL, SR., Research Associate in Entomology in the California Academy of Sciences, died at Watsonville, California, on July 6, 1946, at the age of eighty-four years.

Dr. Blaisdell was born in Pittsfield, New Hampshire, March 13, 1862, the eldest son of Solon Greenleaf Blaisdell and Anna Greely (Clark) Blaisdell. When he was eight years old, his parents decided to move to California, where his father engaged in business in San Francisco, and subsequently in ranching near San Diego. Frank worked on the farm until he was 24, then decided to study medicine, and entered Cooper Medical College, from which he graduated in 1889 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

After practising three years in San Diego and eight years at Mokelumne Hill in Calaveras County, Dr. Blaisdell returned to San Francisco to accept a position as Demonstrator in Anatomy in Cooper Medical College, later becoming Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy. In 1910, when Cooper Medical College became affiliated with Stanford University, Dr. Blaisdell became a member of the faculty of Stanford University School of Medicine. Later he transferred from the Department of Anatomy to the Division of Surgery, as Professor of Surgery, which post he held till his retirement in 1927.

Throughout his life, Dr. Blaisdell took a keen and informed interest in natural history. As a boy he began collecting birds and their eggs, mammals, insects, and plants. He made dissections and drawings of some of the birds and animals he collected, thus showing an early bent towards anatomy. In later life he attributed his desire for higher education and his decision to study medicine to his early interest in natural history.

In San Diego he was associated with Lyman Belding in ornithological studies, this interest leading to the publication of two or three papers. In 1900 he took a summer trip to Nome, Alaska, where he collected birds, insects, and plants.

In 1904 Dr. Blaisdell gave his ornithological collection to the California Academy of Sciences, and subsequently restricted his natural history studies to insects, especially the beetles of the family Tenebrionidae, on which he became a world authority. His entomological collection of 200,000 specimens, including hundreds of types, was given to the Academy in 1925.

Following his retirement from medical teaching in 1927, Dr. Blaisdell devoted the major part of his time to work in the Academy's entomological laboratory, to which he was almost a daily visitor until a short time before his death. Of about one hundred entomological contributions bearing his name, well over half were published during the fruitful period following his so-called "retirement."

Dr. Blaisdell became a member of the California Academy of Sciences